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USS Abraham Lincoln Invites Students Aboard in Hawaii

Some lucky students and staff from local area public schools and Kamehameha Middle School toured USS Abraham Lincoln earlier today. The Nimitz Class aircraft carrier is visiting Pearl Harbor this weekend en route to its homeport in Everett, WA. Some of the 5,000 Sailors who serve aboard the floating city showed the capabilities of the ship to over one hundred and eighty of Hawaii's youth.

USS Abraham Lincoln is in Hawaii briefly, on its way home after a six-month deployment supporting 5th and 7th fleet maritime security operations in the western Pacific. U.S. Aircraft Carriers are forward deployed, ready to project power and deter aggression. They are also uniquely equipped for humanitarian missions in large part because of their significant supply capacity and their ability to fly multiple air support missions.

Another Nimitz Class aircraft carrier, the USS Ronald Reagan, recently deployed to the western Pacific and was redirected yesterday to the east coast of Honshu.

The USS Ronald Reagan follows in a long line of carrier-based humanitarian missions. In the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake disaster of 2010, another U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, deployed to the Caribbean to provide humanitarian relief efforts.

Meanwhile, students who visited the USS Abraham Lincoln today, got a chance to meet the brave, dedicated men and women who serve in what is called “America’s Navy – A Global Force for Good.”

NOTE: Tours of USS Lincoln were provided on a limited basis, for a limited time only. The Navy will look at more opportunities to provide tours of its ships for students and educators whenever possible.

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